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July 24, 2003

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Mr. Troy Simar
Hilcorp Energy
12317 Highway 90 East
Jeanerette, LA 70544

RE: Clean Water Act, Section 308 Information Request
Oil Spill in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana on or about April 17, 2003
NRC Report No: 642510

Dear Mr. Simar:

Pursuant to Section 308 of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. Section 1318 et seq., the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has the authority to request information pertinent to carrying out its responsibilities under the CWA. Accordingly, this Information Request is hereby served on you and Hilcorp Energy.

Compliance with the provisions of this letter is mandatory. Your responses to the questions are to be submitted to EPA and postmarked within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. The response must be signed by a duly authorized official of Hilcorp Energy. The information will be considered in the evaluation of the extent of your compliance with the federal regulations governing the discharge, or threat of discharge, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants into navigable waters of the United States.

Failure to respond fully and truthfully to the Information Request, or to adequately justify such failure to respond, will be considered a violation of Section 309 of the CWA, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, which can result in enforcement action by EPA. Section 309 of the CWA permits EPA to seek the imposition of civil and criminal penalties for failure to submit information requested under Section 308 of the CWA, including issuance of an Administrative Penalty Order or referral to the United States Department of Justice for judicial action with monetary fines. Please be further advised that providing false, misleading, or fraudulent statements or representations, may subject you to criminal penalties under Section 309 of the CWA.

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You are hereby requested to provide the following information regarding the oil spill which occurred on or about April 17, 2003 in St. Martin Parish, Louisiana:

1. A report regarding the spill of crude oil into a water body which occurred on or about April 17, 2003. (If the name of the water body is not available, use the best description available.)
2. The amount of product spilled (in either barrels or gallons).
3. Duration of the spill event. Report the time and date the spill began, how long the product remained in the watercourse, as well as on the shoreline or banks and when the cleanup operations were considered complete and all product removed from waters of the United States and adjoining shoreline.
4. The cause of the spill.
5. Name of the immediate receiving ditch, creek, stream, river, lake, arroyo, swale, etc. if known.
 - A. Also include the names of all downstream receiving waters that the spill affected.
 - B. Additionally, list all downstream receiving water bodies to the first major river or lake, regardless of whether or not the spill affected the water bodies.
6. Site location map.
7. Drawing of the site showing locations of the facilities.
8. Sketch of the spill site showing extent of the spill.
9. Photographs of the spill and the spill site both before and after cleanup.

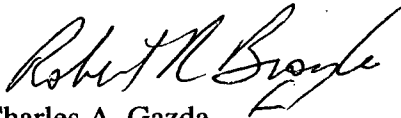
In some instances, information requested by EPA may be considered confidential business information (CBI) by the provider of that information. Should any of the information requested by EPA as part of this request for information be considered CBI material by Hilcorp Energy, you must assert that claim as part of your reply. The final determination regarding this material will be made by EPA per the regulations found in 40 CFR Part 2.204.

Please mail your response to the following address:

Mr. Nelson Smith
Superfund Division (6SF-RO)
U. S. EPA Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

If you have any questions relating to this Information Request, please contact Mr. Nelson Smith at (214) 665-8489.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert M. Boyle".

Charles A. Gazda
Chief, Response & Prevention Branch
Superfund Division



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To: spillreports.r6@epamail.epa.gov
cc:
Subject: NRC#642510

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NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER - FLASH FAX

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DO NOT RELEASE this information to the public without
permission from the NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER 1-800-424-8802

Incident Report # 642510

INCIDENT DESCRIPTION

*Report taken by: CIV THREATT at 14:51 on 17-APR-03

Incident Type: PIPELINE

Incident Cause: UNKNOWN

Affected Area: MURPHY LAKE

The incident was discovered on 17-APR-03 at 12:40 local time.

Affected Medium: WATER MURPHY LAKE

REPORTING PARTY

Name: TROY SIMAR

Organization: HILCORP ENGERY

Address: 12317 HWY 90 EAST
JEANERATTE, LA

HILCORP ENGERY called for the responsible party.

PRIMARY Phone: (337)5193860

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

SUSPECTED RESPONSIBLE PARTY

Name: TROY SIMAR

Organization: HILCORP ENGERY

Address: 12317 HWY 90 EAST
JEANERATTE, LA

PRIMARY Phone: (337)5193860

Type of Organization: PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

INCIDENT LOCATION

County: ST. MARTIN

State: LA

MURPHY LAKE

RELEASED MATERIAL(S)

CHRIS Code: OIL Official Material Name: OIL: CRUDE

Also Known As:

Qty Released: 30 BARREL(S)

Qty in Water: 30 BARREL(S)

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

CALLER IS REPORTING MATERIAL RELEASED FROM A 3 INCH PIPELINE DUE TO
UNKNOWN CAUSES.

INCIDENT DETAILS

Pipeline Type: FLOW

DOT Regulated: NO

Pipeline Above/Below Ground: BELOW

Exposed or Under Water: YES

Pipeline Covered: YES

---WATER INFORMATION---

Body of Water: MURPHY LAKE
Tributary of: UNKNOWN
Nearest River Mile Marker:
Water Supply Contaminated: NO

DAMAGES

Fire Involved: NO Fire Extinguished: UNKNOWN
INJURIES: Hospitalized: Empl/Crew: Passenger:

FATALITIES: Empl/Crew: Passenger: Occupant:
EVACUATIONS: Who Evacuated: Radius/Area:
Damages:

Closure Type	Description of Closure	Hours Closed	Direction of Closure
Air:	N		
Road:	N		Major N Artery:
Waterway:	N		
Track:	N		

Media Interest: NONE Community Impact due to Material: NO

REMEDIAL ACTIONS

BOOMS APPLIED, ABSORBENTS APPLIED, MATERIAL CONTAINED, SHUT WELL
IN, CLEAN UP UNDERWAY
Release Secured: YES
Release Rate:
Estimated Release Duration:

WEATHER

Weather: SUNNY, 80°F
Wave Condition: 0 CALM

ADDITIONAL AGENCIES NOTIFIED

Federal:
State/Local: STATE POLICE
State/Local On Scene:
State Agency Number: 03-02444

NOTIFICATIONS BY NRC

U.S. EPA VI	(214) 6656428
FBI LOUISIANA ATTN: EKKO BARNHILL	
17-APR-03 14:55	(504) 8163079
LA DEPT OF ENV QUAL	
17-APR-03 14:55	(225) 3421234
LA OFFICE OF EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	
17-APR-03 14:55	(225) 9257500
LA OFFICE OF GOV ATTN ROLAND GUIDR	
17-APR-03 14:55	(225) 2195800
LA OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH	
17-APR-03 14:55	(504) 5688537
MAIL EPA R6 ATTN: KENNETH CLARK	
17-APR-03 14:55	(214) 6656493
MSO NEW ORLEANS	

NOAA 1ST CLASS BB RPTS FOR LA (504)5896261
17-APR-03 14:55 (206)5266344
LA STATE POLICE
17-APR-03 14:55 (225)9256595

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
CALLER WILL NOTIFY USCG. NO SHEEN INFORMATION WAS GIVEN.

*** END INCIDENT REPORT 642510 ***
Report any problems or Fax number changes by calling 1-800-424-8802
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE AT <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil>

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TYPE OF ACTION:

Clean Water Act, Section 308 Info. Request

Hilcorp Energy
St. Martin Parish, Louisiana
NRC No. 642510

(6SF-RO) Nelson Smith

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JL 7/22

(6SF-R) Charles A. Gazda

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Mr. Troy Simar
Hilcorp Energy
12317 Highway 90 East
Jeanerette, LA 70544

2. Article Number

(Transfer from service label)

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COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature

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Troy Simar

☐ Agent

☐ Addressee

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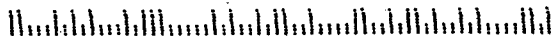


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